Interaction between Defence Research and Development, and the Industry

236. SHRI BIB BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the defence research and development work is being used to, help the ? industry and the consumers in general*, if so, what are the details thereof, ' and

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure a greater interaction between the industry and defence production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES 'IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SmyRAJ PATIL): (a) Most of the items designed and developed by DRDO are being manufactured by ordnance factories Public sector undertakings.,. However, private sector is being increasingly associated in the development I productioon of such items for which infrastructure and capability is available with them and where the items are not of a highly sensitive nature.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The Department of Defence offers a whole package of promotional ' assistance in design and drawings, identification and procurement of plant and. machinery, raw materials, release of foreign exchange in selected cases, quality standards etc. Keeping in view the various constraints in the development of defence stores and with a view to encouraging Industry towards increased participation in Defence Production, the following measures have been taken: —

(a) Department maintains sample rooms at Delhi, Calcutta,Bombay and Madras to attract thepotential suppliers and entirepre-neurs.

(b) Close liaison with trade and industry. For this purpose there is a two tier mechanism for continuous interaction with the industry. There is Appex level body under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DQP and S) which meets twice in a year and four functional groups under the Chairmanship of the Joint. Secretary (Supplies) meeting every quarter.

(c) -Periodical review of capacity* and infrastructure available in the civil sector.

(d) Identification and association of production agencies from the conceptual stage to the final prototype manufacture.

(e) Continues updating of Defence test facilities and extending the services of these facilities to the production agencies.

Achievements under 20 Point programme

237. SHRIMATl SUDHA VIJAY JQSHI Will the Minister of PRO-GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state; -

(a) what are the details of progress achieved in different sectors under the 20-Point Programme in 1986-87 in relation to targets set for 1986-87;

(b) what are the targets set for 1987-88 under different sectors of the programme;

(c) whether the achievements for 1986-87 so far are considered satis factory; and

(d) if not, what remedial action Government propose to take to wipe out the shortfaai, if any, of 1986-87'in the year 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. R A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDIL URY): A Statement giving the

performance vis-a-vis targets during 1986-87 in the 11 months' period-April, 1986 to February, 1987 for which information is available, is attached. [See Appendix CXLII Annexure No. 11]. The statement gives 20 items of the 20 point Programme covered in the Monthly Progress Report. Information in respect of the remaining Items would he available after the year is over.

(b) Targets for 1987-88 under different items of the 20-Foint programme— 1986 are under finalisation.

(c) Yes, Sir. Out of the 20 items covered under monthly Progress Report, progress was 'Good' i. e. 80 per cent and above of the target under 17 items. The progress was below, 80 per cent only under 3 items.

(d) Does not arise.

Expansion - of Commercial Banks

238. SHR1MATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (hag recently conducted a study to evaluate the impact of massive branch expansion of Commercial Banks in the rural areas;

(b) if so, what. are the observations and main recommendations of the RBI in this regard; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted an impressionistic survey before formulating the Branch Licensing Policy for the Seventh Plan Period. It was observed that the banks have already achieved consi-derable progress in extending their offices in rural and semi-urban areas and now they should concentrate on improving the quality of services, it was also observed that bank offices were not evenly spread out in the districts. The branch expansion po licy for the period IMS—*00* co-termi nus with 7th Plan was finalised by RBI in consultation with Govt, of-India keeping in view the observa tions made during impressionistic survey. -

FERA Cases Registered

239. SHRI J. P. GOYAL;
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of FERA violations registered during last three years, upto 31st March, 1987;

(b) what are the names of the individuals|firms|industries in this respect; and the date of registration of cases against each of them; and

(c) what action has so far been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) During the period, 1. 1. 84 to 31st March, 1987, the Directorate of Enforcement (FERA) registered 26, 609 enquiries for alleged violation of provisions of the Act. Out of these, adjudication proceedings in 16129 cases of *prima-facie* vio. lation of the provisions of the F. E. R. Act by issue of Show Cause Notices were initiated besides launching Qf prosecutions against 786 persons for substantive offences.

Separate list of cases against individuals^ firms and industries is not maintained. As the number of cases is very large, the time and labour involved in-collecting and furnishing case-wise details will be disproportionately high.